About This Collection

Michael McEachern McDowell was the author of a number of horror novels, including *The Amulet* (1979), *Cold Moon Over Babylon* (1980), and *The Elementals* (1981), as well as six serialized novels known as the *Blackwater* series (1983). He also has screenwriting credits for Tim Burton's *Beetlejuice* and *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, and wrote for the TV series *Tales from the Darkside*. The Michael McDowell Death Collection is comprised of 76 boxes, and spans the years 1616 – 2005. The collection was assembled by McDowell based on his interest in the subject matter, and includes correspondence, photographs (including photographic prints, daguerreotypes, tintypes, ambrotypes, and stereographs), memorial cards, jewelry, hairwork, scrapbooks, ledgers, news clippings, and artifacts. The **Psychics and Spiritualism** series, which includes boxes 35 through 43**,** contains a comparatively extensive group of spirit photographs and Spiritualism-related materials, including photographs are identified as the work of Edward Wyllie, William Mumler, Frederick Hudson, and others.

The collection is currently housed in the Charles Deering McCormick Library of Special Collections, Deering Library, Level 3, 1970 Campus Drive, Evanston, Illinois.

About This Document

This document represents the contents of **Box 37, Folder 2** of the collection. It is a small leather album with brass lock fittings and gold-edged pages that contains a total of 15 spirit photographs. The photographs are removable from the album's pages, and were removed for photographing in this document. All of the photographs in the album are identified as products of the Schöfft Béla photography studio in Pest (Budapest), Hungary. Ten are dated 1872, 3 are dated 1874, and 2 are undated. Page 14 features a photograph with a worn Frederick Hudson stamp on the back, though it is annotated as a copy of a photo obtained in Pest by Schöfft Béla. Annotations are included on almost all photographs identifying the sitters and the present spirits, with both English and Hungarian annotations appearing. Some sitters identified include Mrs. Baier, Baron Nicholas Vaÿ, Mr. Weber, and other members of the Vaÿ family. The script makes identifying other individuals and spirits difficult.

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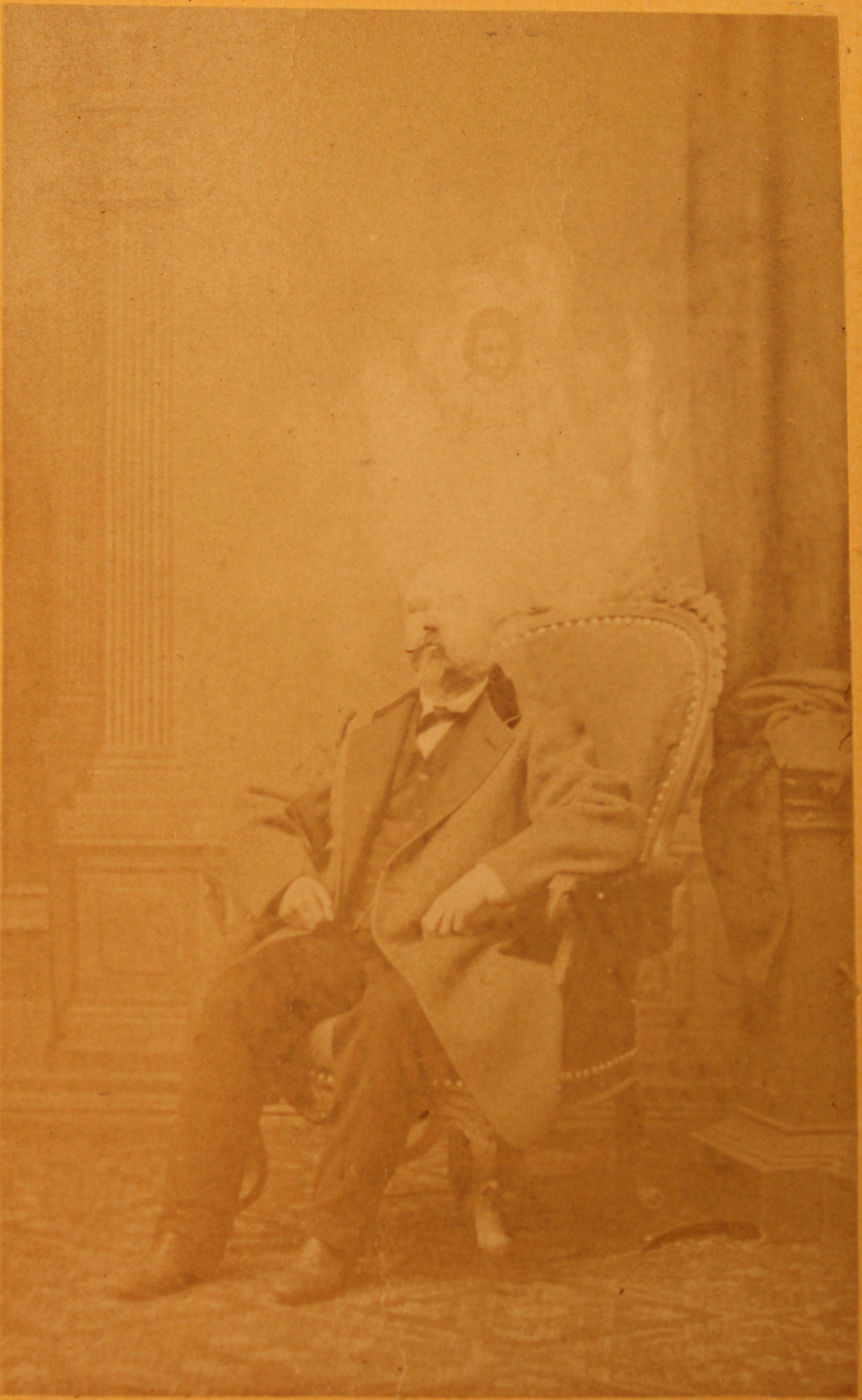


SCHÖFFT BÉLA.

Anton Prochazka
Our best medium
Secretary to the Society

SCHÖFFT BÉLA

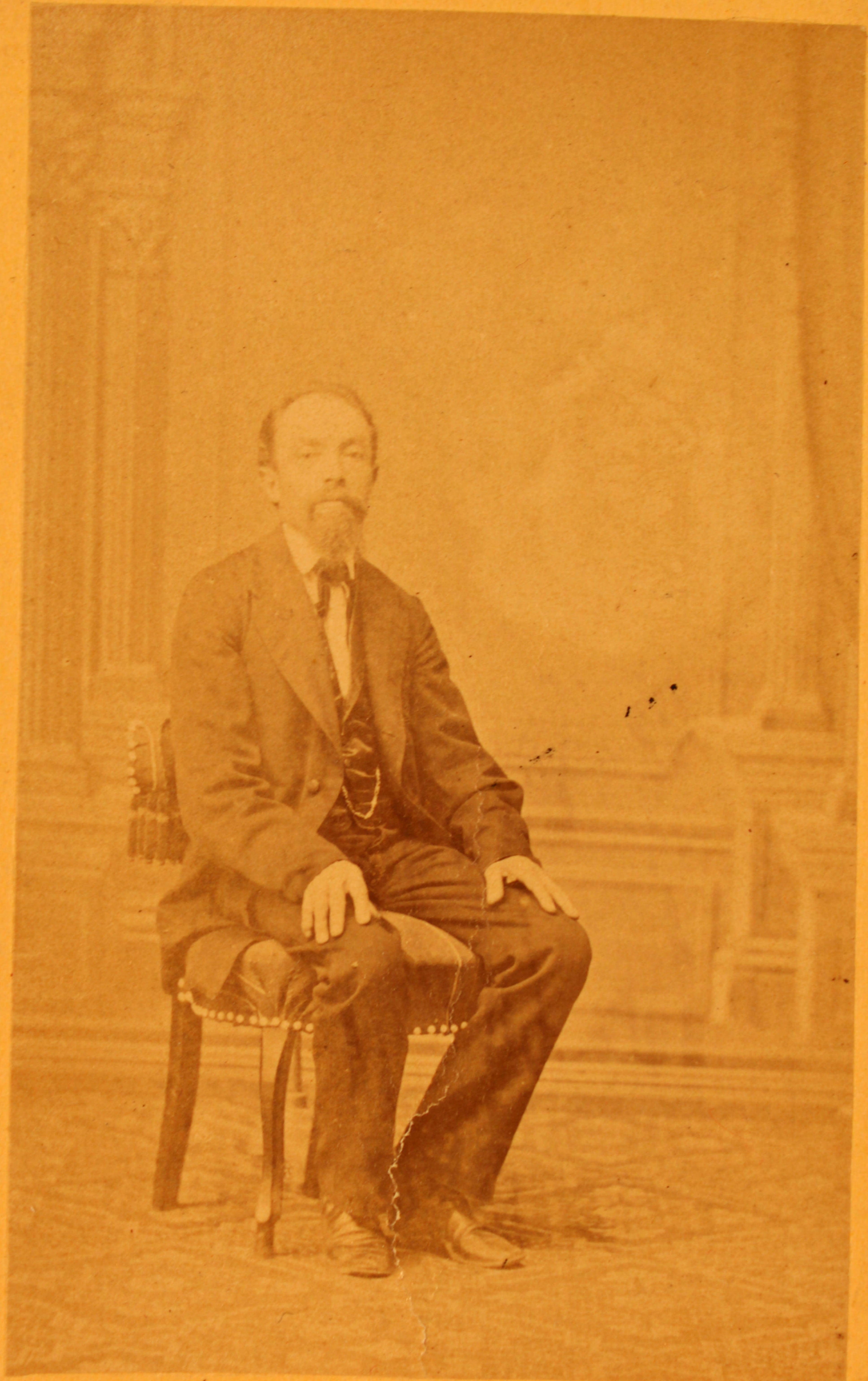
Fényképészeti
MÜTEREMЕ
PESTEN
Kiraly utcza 66 sz

Photographisches
ATELIER
Königsgasse № 66
PEST.

1872.

Utánmegrendelések mérsékelt áron minden időben teljesittetnek.

Nachbestellungen zu ermäßigten Preisen können jederzeit ausgeführt werden.



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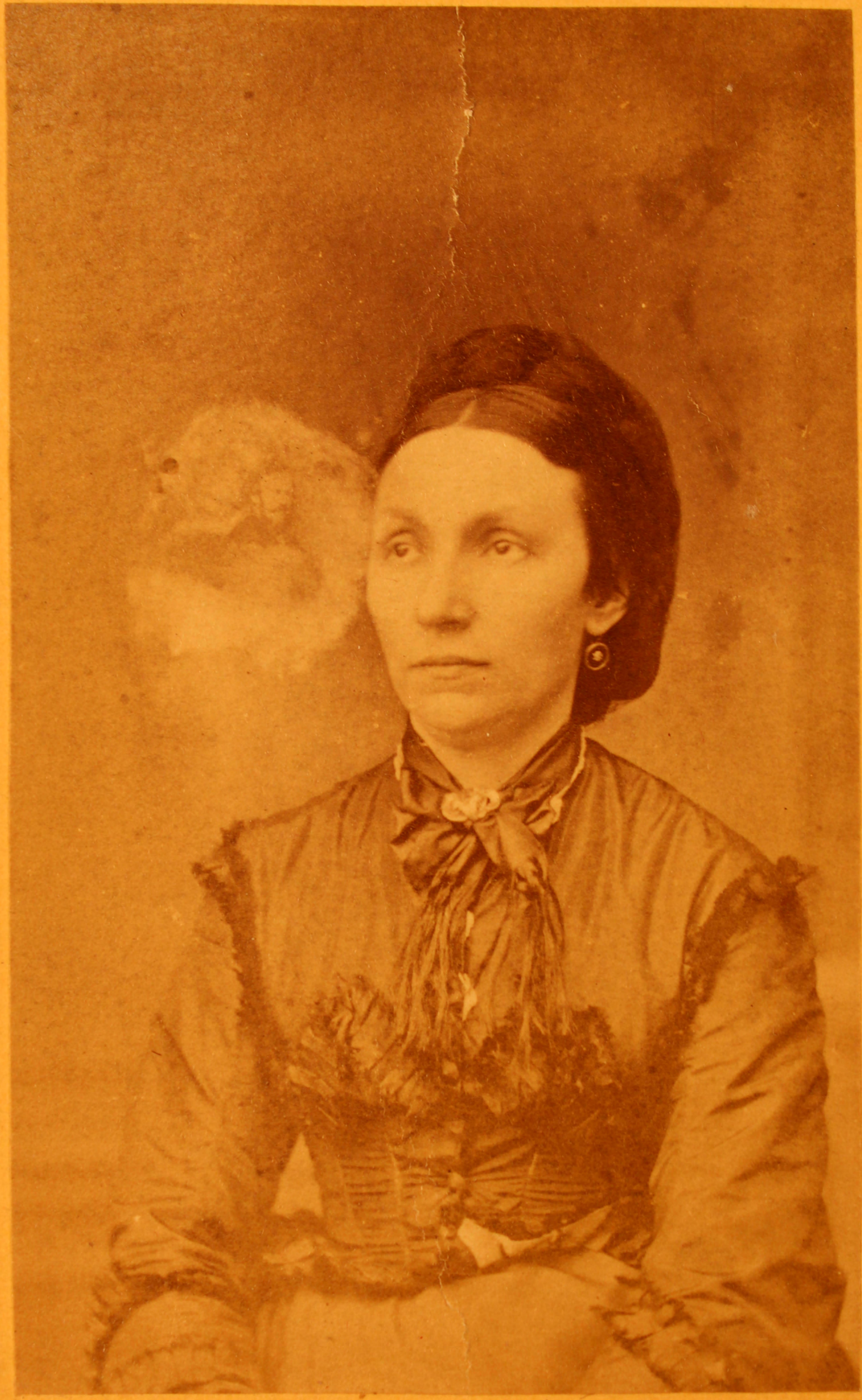
a good medium
for drawing

Mr. Baier



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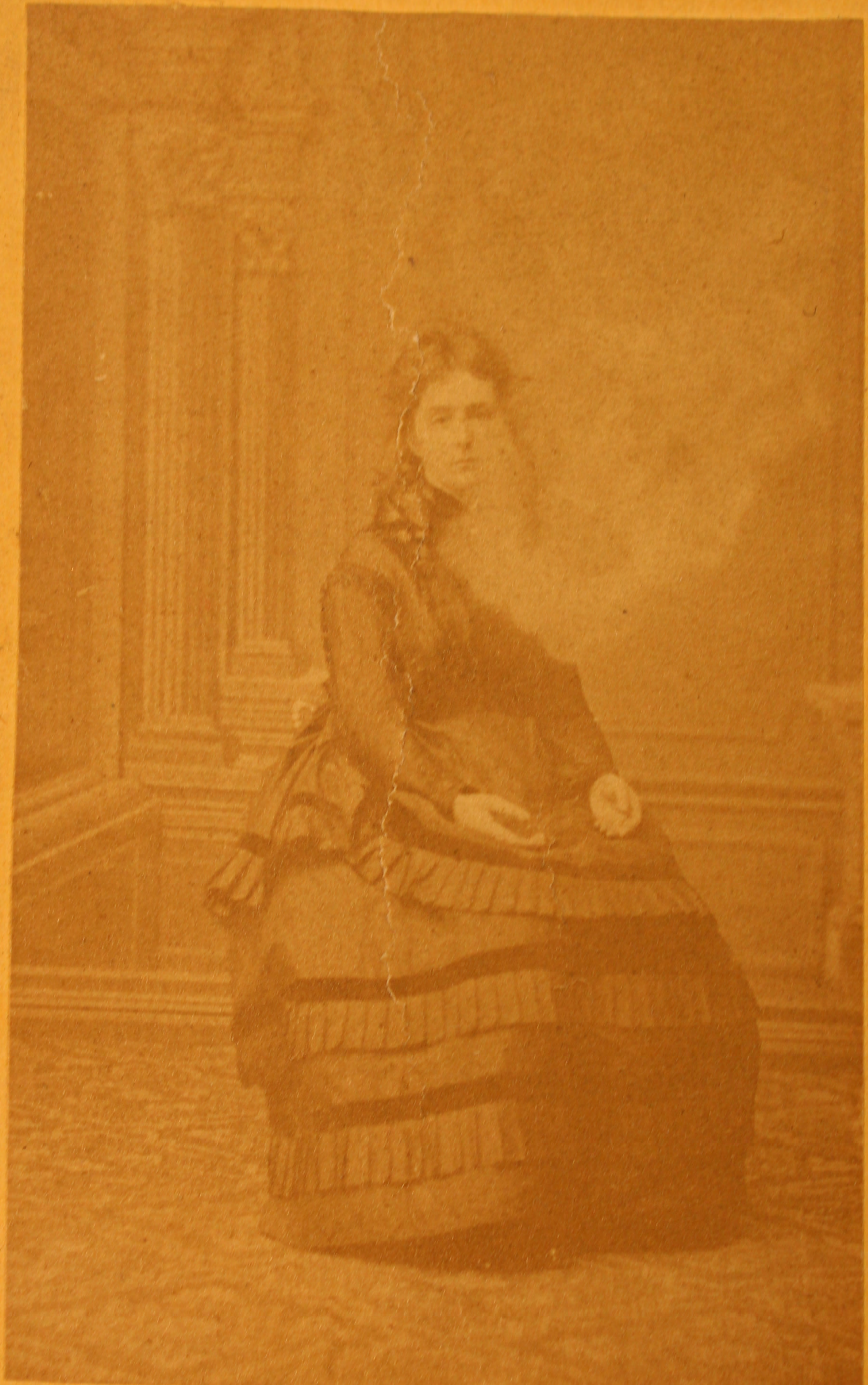

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Adelma von
Vay

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Fényképészeti
MÜTERME
PESTEN
Kiraly utcza 66 sz.

Photographisches
ATELIER
Königsgasse № 66
PEST.

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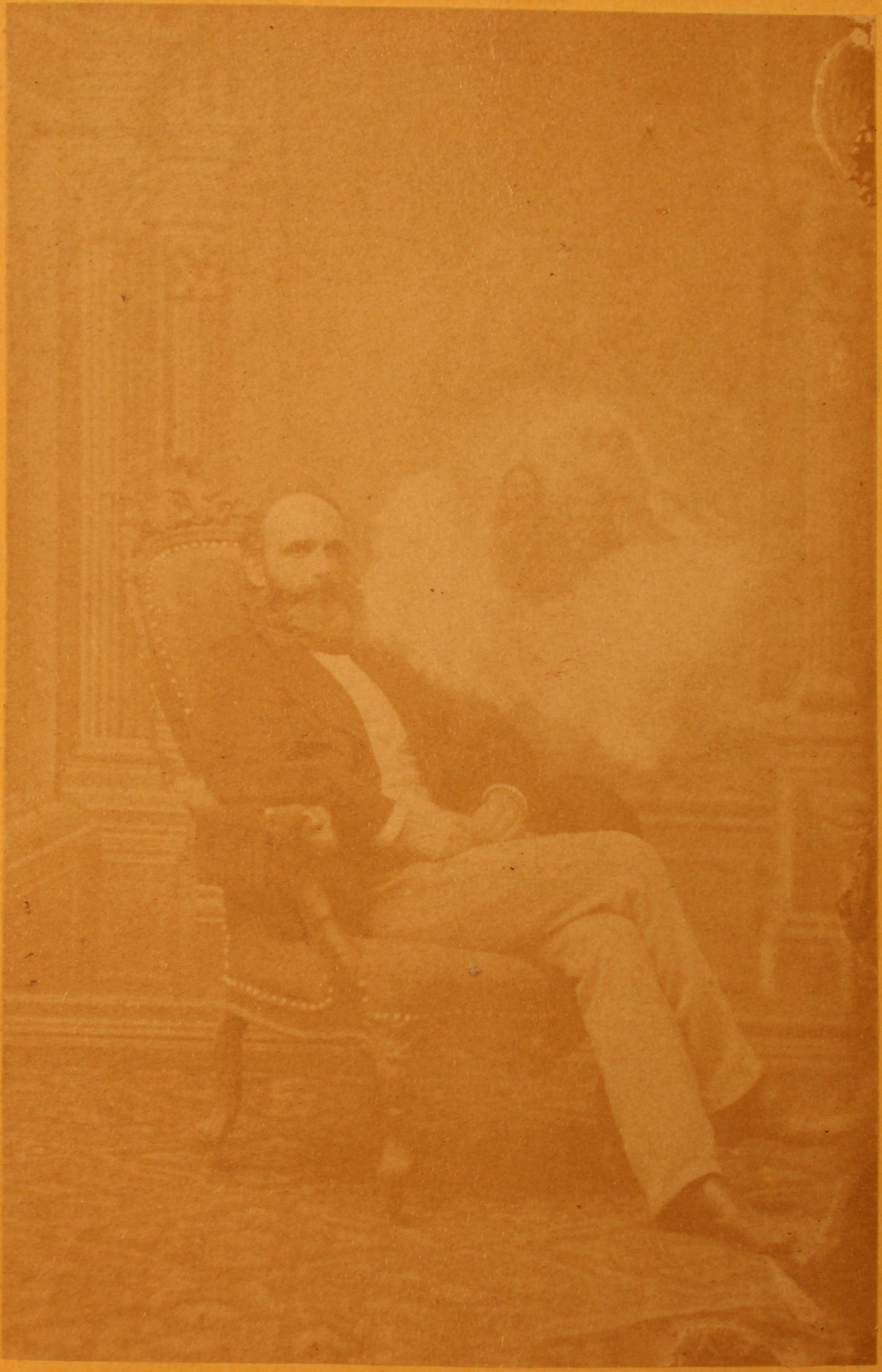

SCHÖFFT BÉLA.

Docteur Adolf
Grünhut
Spirit phot.
of his parents

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MÜTERME
PESTEN
Kiraly utcza 66 sz.

Photographisches
ATELIER
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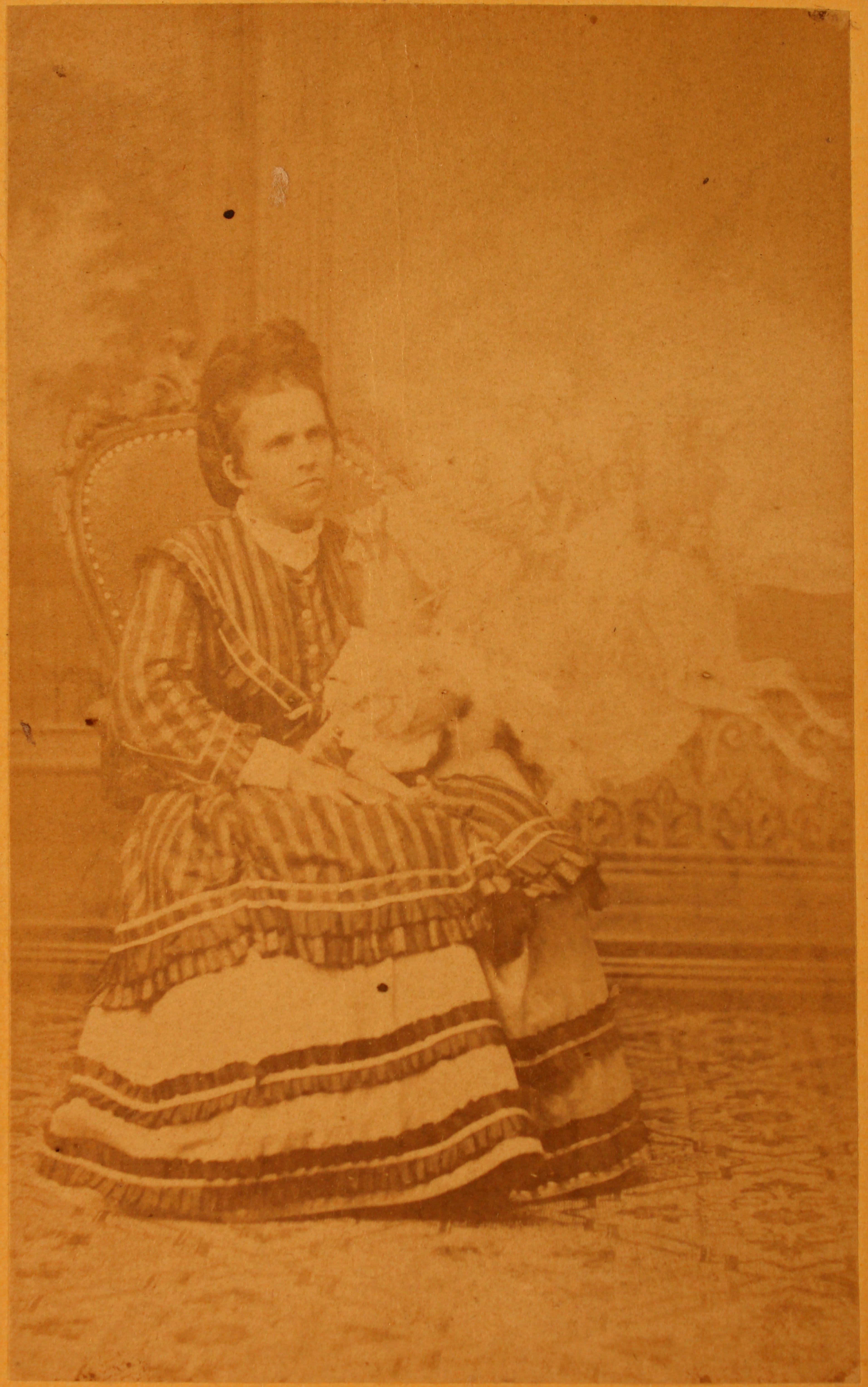

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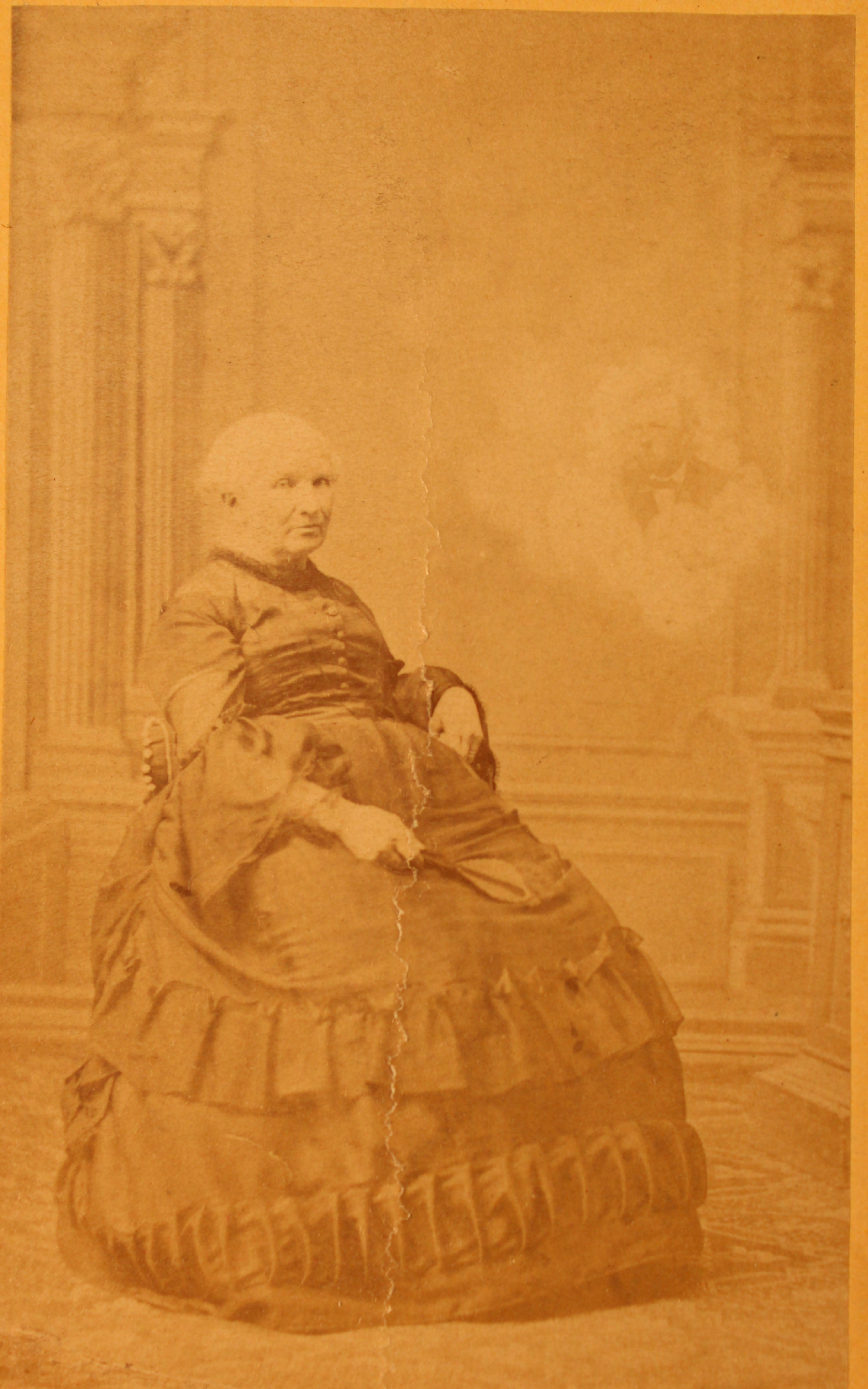
PEST.

1872.

Utánmegrendélések mérsékelt áron minden időben teljesíttetnek.

Nachbestellungen zu ermäßigten Preisen können jederzeit ausgeführt werden.

Madame Reiner, médium voyant —
elle a son baby sur le bras — ce
tableau vint dans une
minute; chose fort miraculeuse
et étrange! —



Spirit not recognised - ~~Lilly~~
~~Catherine~~ Vaÿ

SCHÖFFT BÉLA.

Bess Catherine Vaÿ,
[illegible] Geg mutter
our mother

Spirit not recognised -

SCHÖFFT BÉLA

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MÜTERME
PESTEN
Kiraly utcza 66 sz.

Photographisches
ATELIER
Königsgasse № 66
PEST.

1872.

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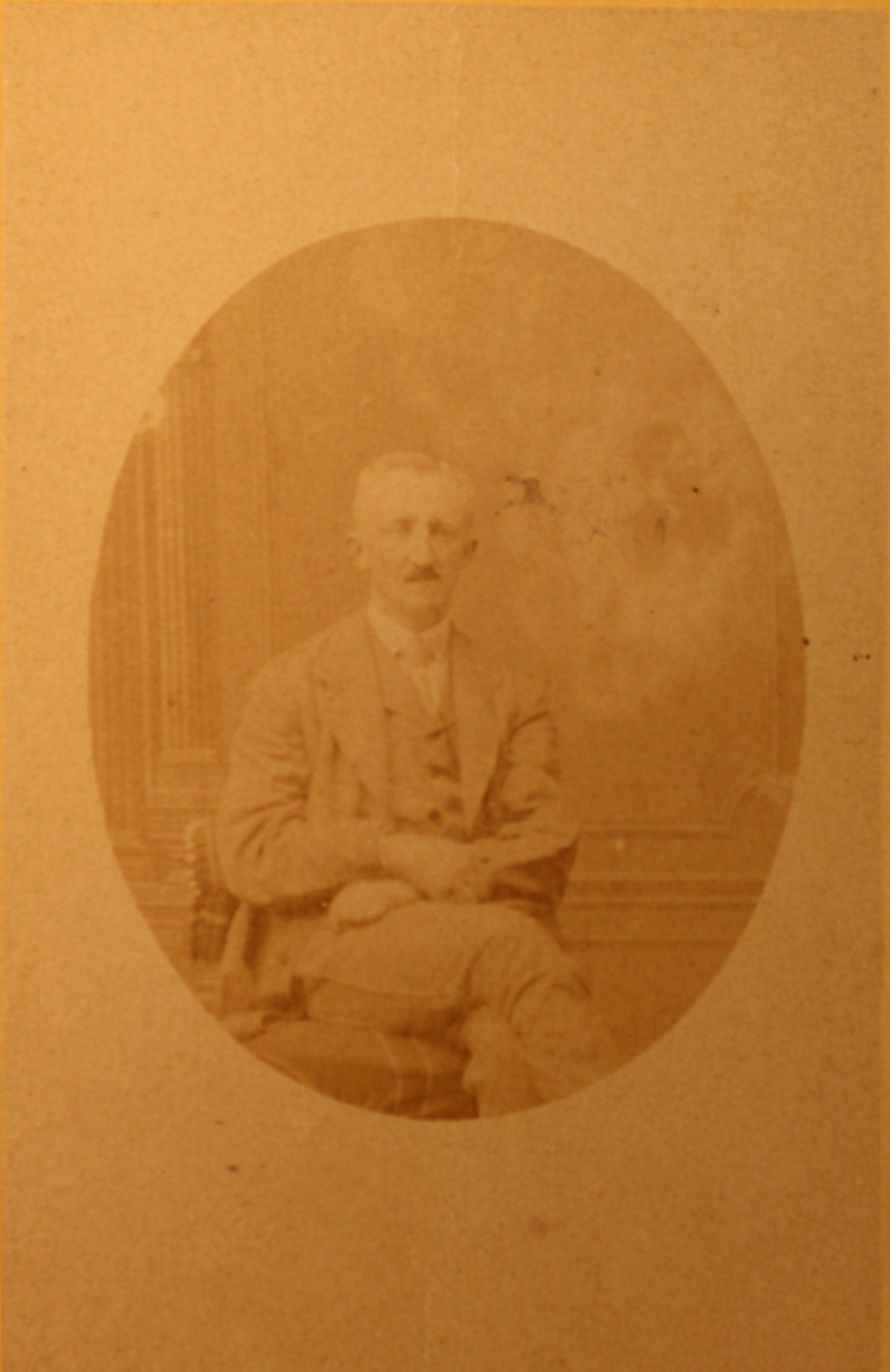

Spirit not recognised. Sitter
Baron Nikolas Vaÿ

SCHÖFFT BÉLA.

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Baron Nikolas
Vay — spirit
not recognised -

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Königsgasse Nº 66
PEST.

1872.

Utánmegrendélések mérsékelt áron minden időben teljesittetnek.

Nachbestellungen zu ermäſsigten Preisen können jederzeit ausgeführt werden.

Mary Fischer à Pest, / falle /
mes guides dirent que l'esprit
obsesseur serait photographié:
ce qui arriva en effet!
l'esprit ne voulut rester;
une sorte d'ange, bon esprit
le retint à l'oreille —
Tout cela la chose d'une
minute!

SCHÖFFT BÉLA

Fényképészeti
MŰTERME
PESTEN
Király utcza 66 sz.
Hársfa utcza átellenében.

Photographisches
ATELIER
Königsgasse No 66
vis à vis der Lindengasse
PEST.

1864.

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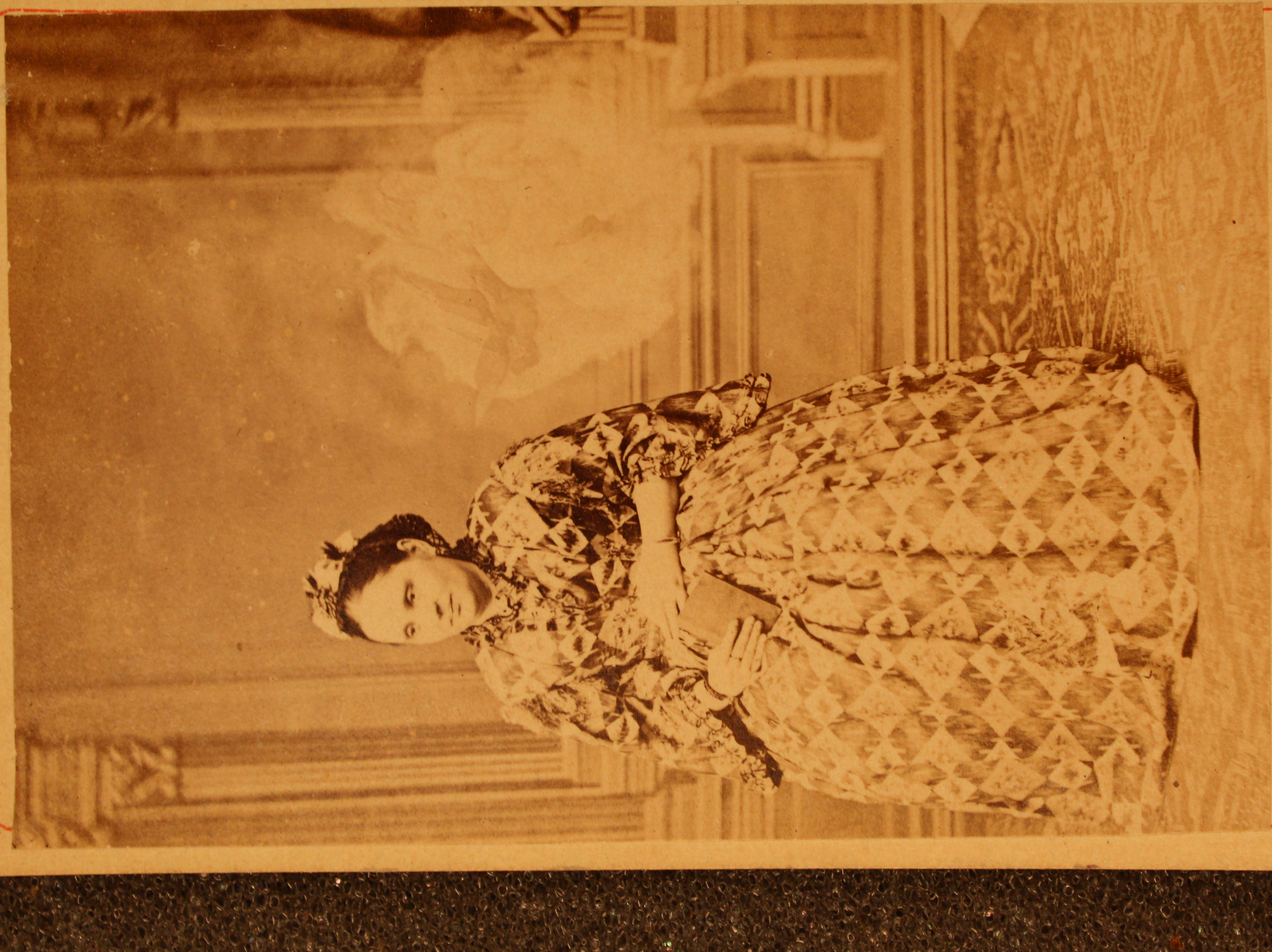

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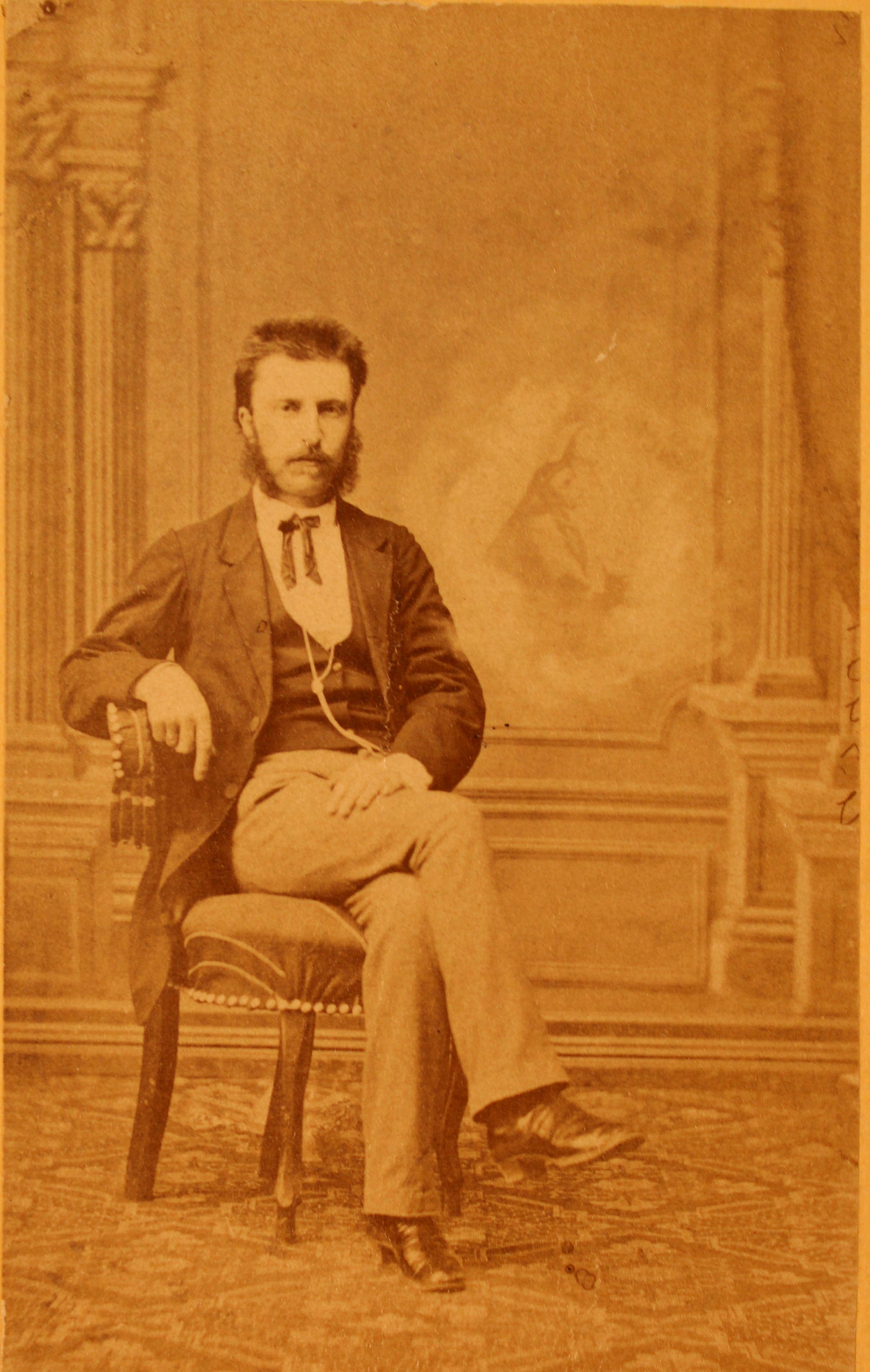

Spirit reproduction of a French
picture St augustine & his mother

SCHÖFFT BÉLA.

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Our best trance
speaking medium

Alois Weinberger

Fényképészeti
MÜTERME
PESTEN
Kiraly utcza 66 sz.

Photographisches
ATELIER
Königsgasse № 66
PEST.

1872.

Utánmegrendélések mérsékelt áron minden időben teljesittetnek.

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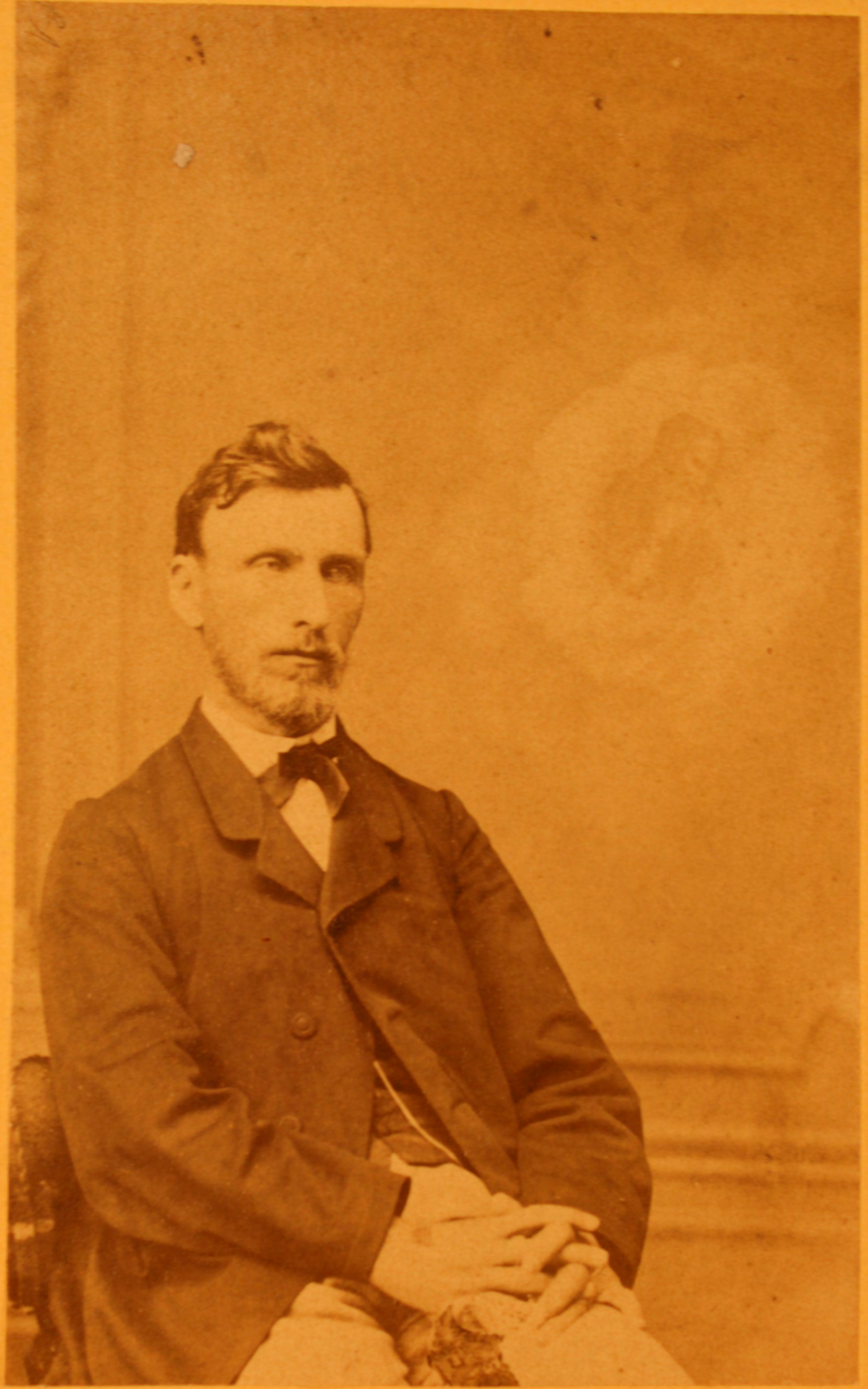
(Reproduction de la gravure francaise
St Augustin et sa mère Ste Monique)



Spirit not recognised

SCHÖFFT BÉLA.

Herr Kümmerle
a spiritiste

Spirit not recog-
nized –

SCHÖFFT BÉLA

Fényképészeti
MÜTERME
PESTEN
Kiraly utcza 66 sz.

Photographisches
ATELIER
Königsgasse № 66
PEST.

1872.

Utánmegrendélések mérsékelt áron minden időben teljesittetnek.

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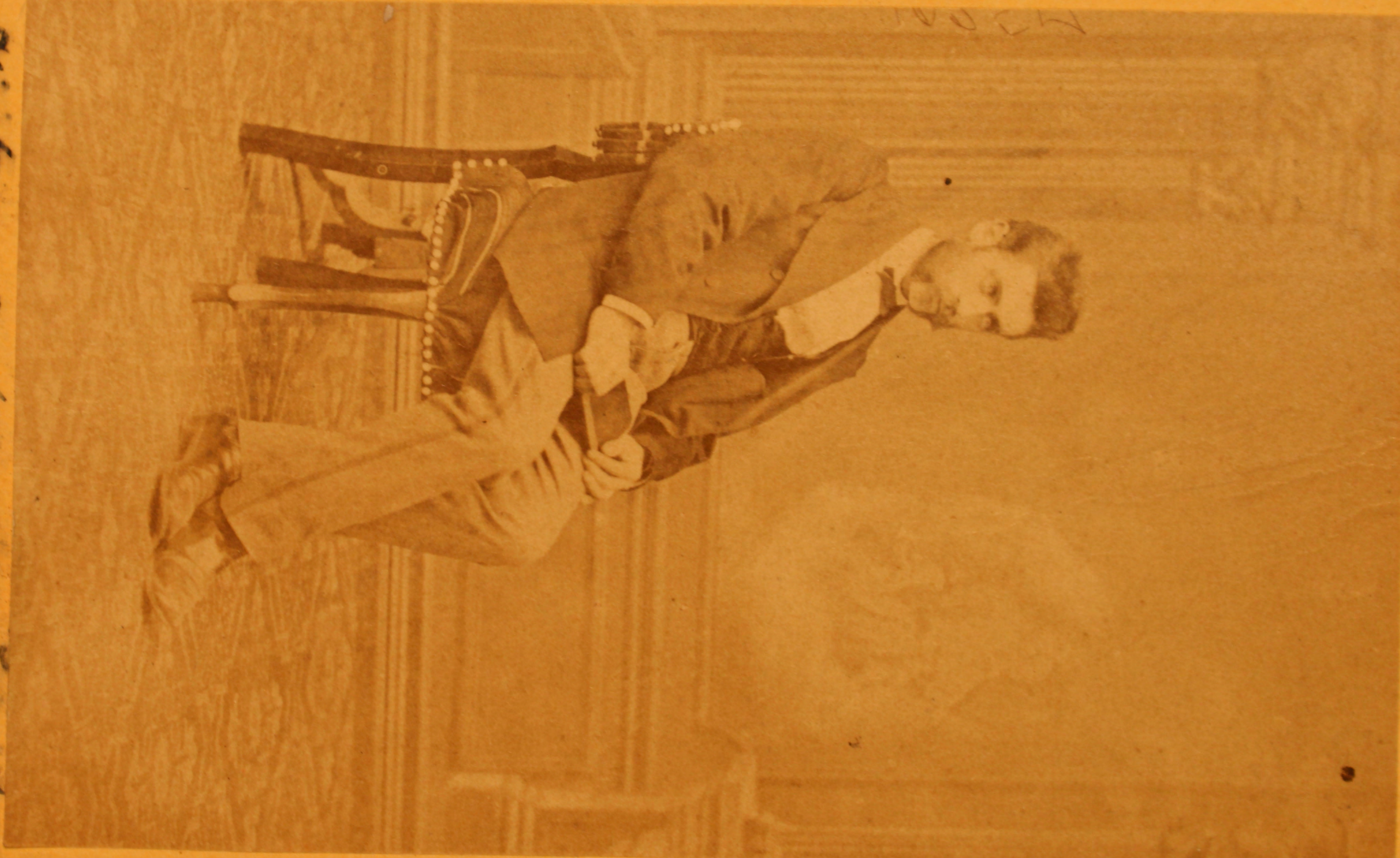

Spirit reproduction of a French picture - Sitter Mr J. Weber.

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Fényképészeti
MÜTERME
PESTEN
Kiraly utcza 66 sz.

Photographisches
ATELIER
Königsgasse № 66
PEST.

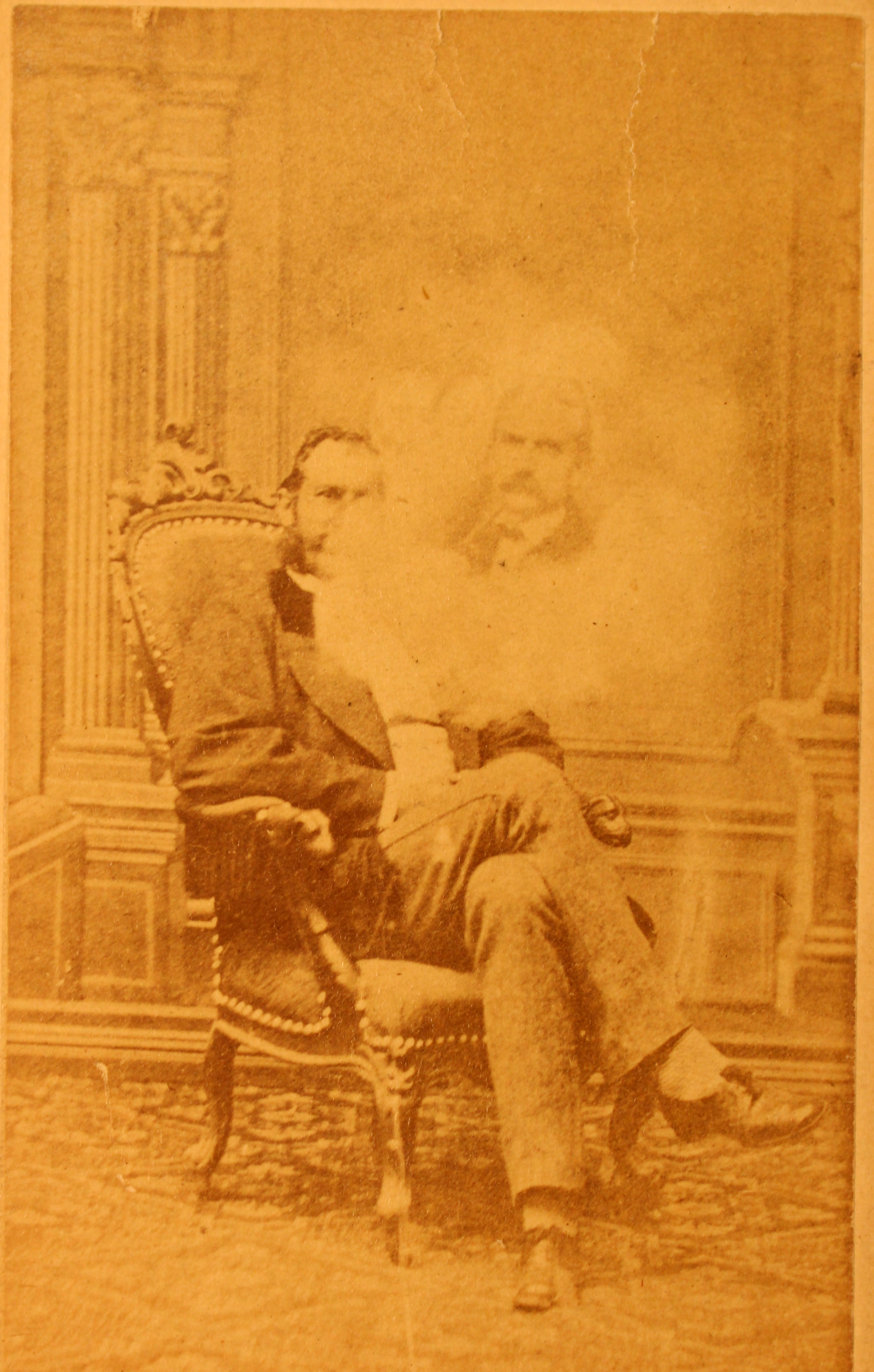
1872.

Utánmegrendélések mérsékelt áron minden időben teljesittetnek

Nachbestellungen zu ermäßigten Preisen können jederzeit ausgeführt werden.

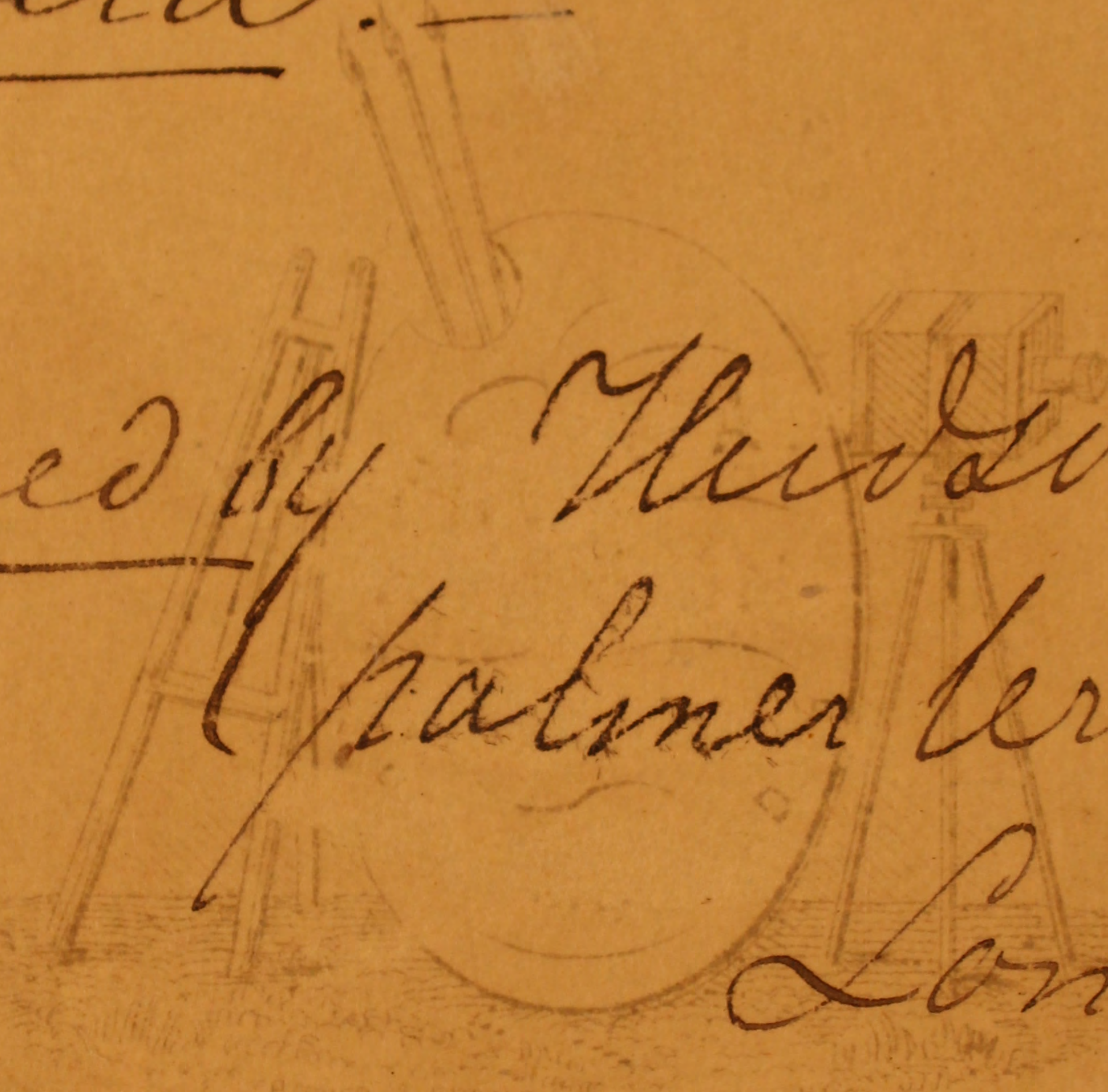
Mr. Ignaz
Weber brother
of our Grünhut -
gifted and mediumistic
young doctor

(Reproduction de la gravure française Beatitude: Bienheureux ceux qui pleurent)



Plain Le baron Odön v Vay
Spirits Obt. in Pest. !

Spirit photo
obtained in
Pest by Schöffl
Bela. —



Copied by Hudson
Palmer terrace
London.

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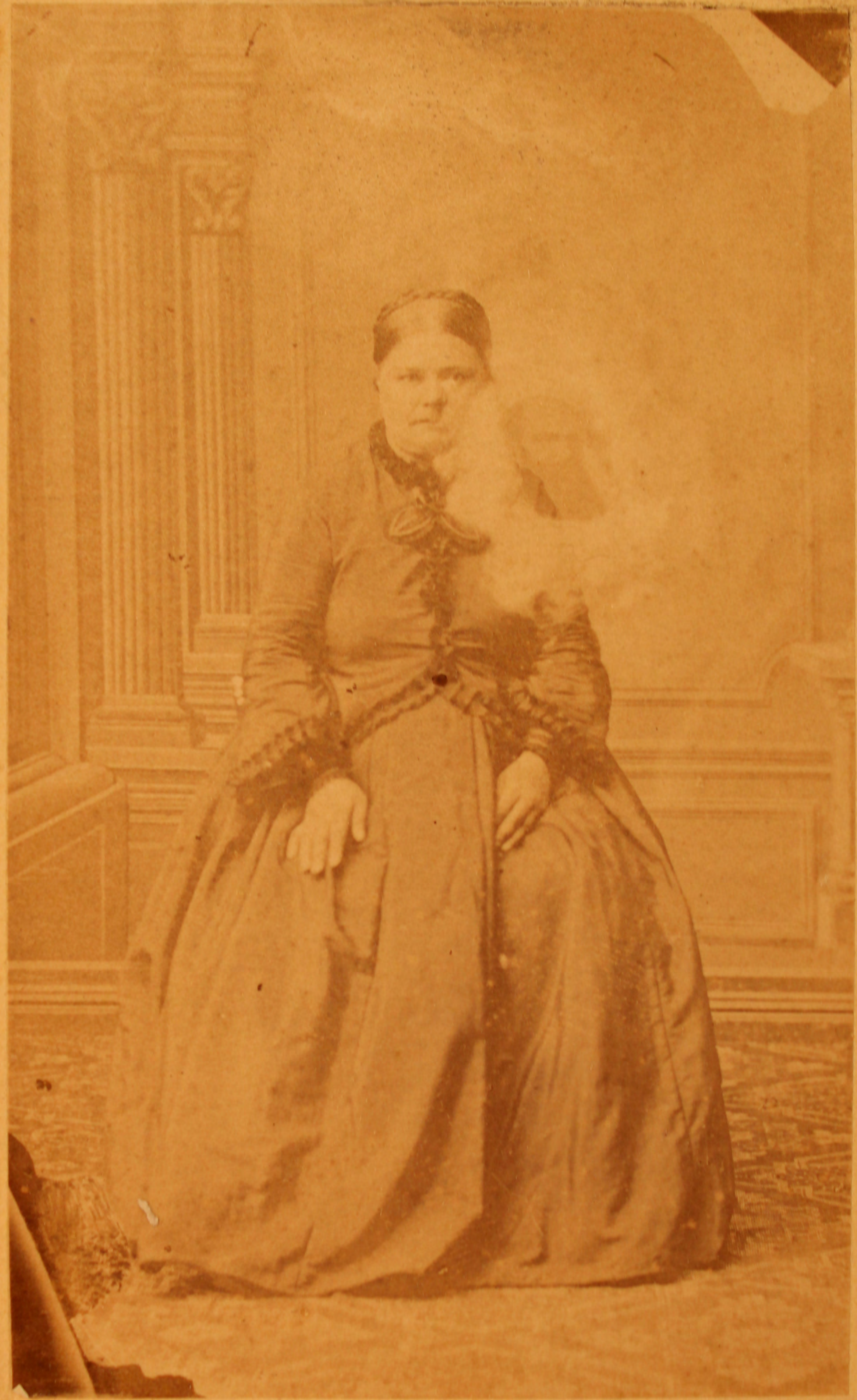
Budapest - Medium Mme Bayer



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Tete du Comte Bathyany
tres ressemblant. Le photogra
phe n'en comprit rien.

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Fényképészeti
MŰTERME
PESTEN
Király utcza 66 sz.
Hársfa utcza átellenében

Photographisches
ATELIER
Königsgasse No 66
vis à vis der Lindengasse
PEST.

1874.

Utánmegrendelések mérsékelt áron minden időben teljesíttetnek.
Nachbestellungen zu ermäßigten Preisen können
jederzeit ausgeführt werden.

Madame Baier de Pest - avec
la tête du Comte Batthyány
qui fut tué en 1848 -
Elle ne vit la tête pendant
qu'on la photographiait. Le
photographe n'en sa[illegible] -
Batthyány est très ressemblant! -

Budapest - Bonne A v Vay. medium

Esprit d'une amie parfaitement reconnu.

SCHÖFFT BÉLA.

SCHÖFFT BÉLA

Bnne Adelma Vay - Esprit
l'amie d'une de ses
parentes. -

Fényképészeti
MÜTERME
PESTEN
Király utcza 66 sz.
Hársfa utcza átellenében.

Photographisches
ATELIE
Königsgass № 66
vis à vis der Lin asse
PES

1874.

Utánmégrendélések mérsékelt áron minden időben esittetnek.
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